

# Hawaiian Gazette.

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, November 26.—Last 24 Hours' Rainfall, trace.  
Temperature, Max. 79; Min. 68. Weather, fair to showery.

SUGAR—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.90c. Per Ton, \$78.40.  
88 Analysis Beets, 10c. 3 3/4d.

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## GOVERNOR KNEW OF AND APPROVED THE EXCHANGE OF THE BUILDING SITES

### Judge Cooper Denies That He Worked for the Exchange Surreptitiously—His Resurrected Endorsements.

The Merchants' Association will meet at its rooms in the McCandless building at 3 o'clock this afternoon to consider the Irwin-Mahuka site developments.

Judge H. E. Cooper resents the idea that there was anything clandestine in the deal worked up by him at Washington whereby the Mahuka Federal building site is to be exchanged for the Irwin site, beside the Opera House. He states that Governor Frear had full knowledge of the mission that took him to Washington and approved of the work being done to bring the Federal building nearer the Capitol. In an interview yesterday he referred to a memorial which had been sent on to Washington, signed by a number of prominent men and stating several good reasons why the building should be located on Palace Square. He further states that Delegate Kalaniana'ole and many Territorial legislators and other officials have letters on file at Washington as a part of the memorial, stating their preferences for the Palace Square site, while P. B. McStocker, chairman of the Civic Federation committee on parks and public improvements, had signed the memorial to Washington, his signature following that of L. A. Thurston as the second on the list. This memorial cannot as yet be given out for publication without the authority of the signatories.

But the memorial in question and the letters referred to WERE WRITTEN AND SIGNED PRIOR TO THE PURCHASE OF THE MAHUKA SITE, but the Governor's approval of the exchange was secured after the purchase. "It is fair to say that Governor Frear knew and approved of the action proposed to be taken," said Mr. Cooper, "and I want that point made clear. I do not agree with the 'Federal official' quoted yesterday regarding the statement that the Mahuka lots cannot be exchanged because they were secured through condemnation proceedings, because these condemnation proceedings were brought at the instance of the owners of the Mahuka site for the perfecting of an otherwise imperfect title. The matter stood between the Federal government and the owners of the lots on a contract; Special Agent Taylor contracting to purchase the land for the government and the government contracting to buy. The only purpose of the condemnation proceedings was to meet the objections of the United States District Attorney, who pronounced the title defective.

"Regarding the taking up of a subscription and the opening of a new street this has nothing to do so far as the Federal government is concerned. The government did not solicit the subscriptions nor ask for the street, only saying that the Mahuka site could not be purchased unless such a street were opened. The subscriptions were solicited solely by the owners of the lots or by their agents. There is no covenant on the part of the Federal government to erect a building on that site. It was bought because the department considered itself morally bound to take the lots under the Taylor contract.

"It must not be understood that there are no influential persons in favor of the Palace Square site, because there had already been transmitted to the Secretary a memorial signed first by L. A. Thurston, for himself, and second by P. B. McStocker, as chairman of the committee on parks and public improvements of the Civic Federation. Other signers of the memorial are Justice A. S. Hartwell, who was not Chief Justice at that time; by Justice A. A. Wilder, Judge W. J. Robinson, Judge J. T. De Bolt, Federal Judge Sanford B. Dole, Professor A. F. Griffiths, of Oahu College; Ralph S. Hosmer, Territorial Forester; Professor M. M. Scott, George H. Carter, James W. Pratt, the Land Commissioner; W. J. Coolidge, Territorial Senator of the second district; George C. Hewitt, senator from the first district; W. H. Babbitt Superintendent of Public Instruction; J. K. Kalaniana'ole, Delegate to Congress; Governor A. S. Cleghorn, and others.

"These are not merely signers of a petition, but are the signatures to individual letters, expressing the sentiments of the writers. These signatures were sent on to Washington during the progress of the debate as to the selection of the site.

"It must be clear that neither Secretary Garfield nor Secretary Winthrop are men that can be influenced, that is by ex parte influence that might be brought to bear. They are both men who hear, see and read and then make up their minds. The matter was by no means new to Secretary Winthrop when I took it up with him. He was in favor of it from the first and had made up his mind before I saw him as to the advantages of the Palace Square site. He was only looking for some means by which to bring about the exchange."

**A Contrary Opinion.**  
"I have not overlooked the fact that one purpose of the condemnation proceedings in the Mahuka site was to perfect the title," said the Federal official quoted in yesterday's Advertiser, when told of what Judge Cooper had said in reply to his interview.

"But the decree by which the title to the property is given by the United States sets out the allegation of the petition for condemnation that the land is wanted for a public purpose, namely for a federal building site in accordance with the Act of Congress providing for such a building and site. The decree recites that the land is condemned for that purpose and that title lodges in the United States for that purpose.

"Now this is conclusive, unless the former owners are estopped from setting up an abandonment of the property by the United States—and the failure to use it for the purpose of a federal building site, and the transfer of it to a private individual would seem to be an abandonment. Then would they be estopped from setting up abandonment by reason of the fact that they were willing to sell to the United States and had agreed on the price and the condemnation proceedings had for an object the perfecting of the title? Hardly, in view of the fact that the offer of the property was expressly for a federal building site, and for nothing else. It was not a case of the United States saying, 'We want this piece of land; what will you take for it?' but the offer was, 'What will you take for this piece of land if we will put a federal building on it?'

"There is certainly nothing in this inconsistent with the recitals in the decree, nor inconsistent with the legal conclusions and consequences of the decree, and therefore nothing to estop them from asserting any rights the decree would give them."

supply has become so small that it is thought best not to waste any by running it from one reservoir to another, while the little there is in the lower reservoirs is so little and the surface of the water so near the mud on the bottom that any passing Nuuanu breeze stirs up the whole body of water and roils it to such an extent that it is unfit to drink.

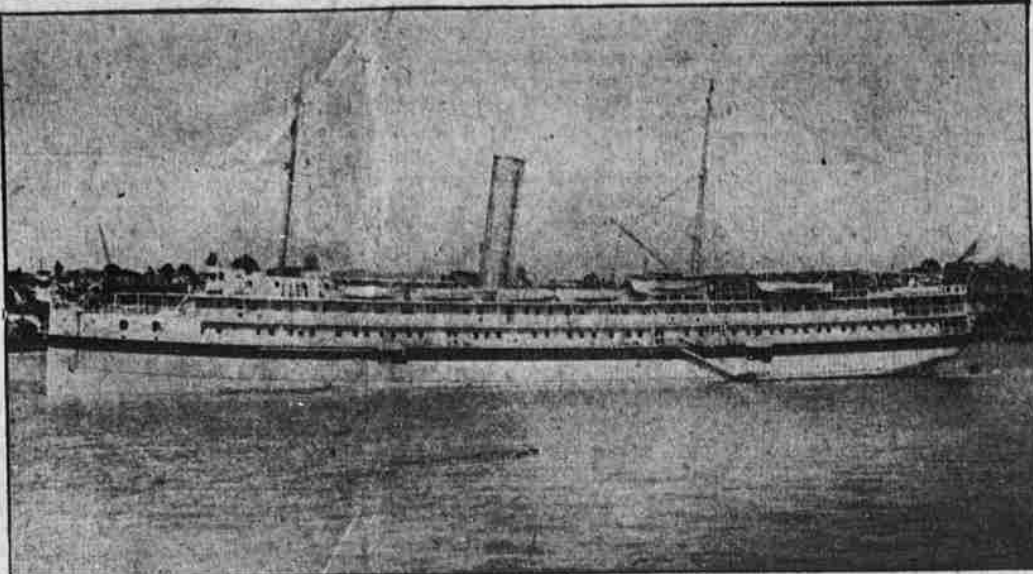
The situation is getting more and more critical as the days pass without rain, and the anti-irrigation rules will have to be strictly observed if the domestic supply is to be kept up to the demand very much longer.

#### QUITE RIGHT!

In its "Answers to Queries" the Call of November 17, gives this discriminating judgment:

HAWAIIAN PAPERS — Berkeley, Cal. What are the leading papers of the Hawaiian Islands? The Advertiser and the Gazette.

## HOSPITAL SHIP RELIEF IS BADLY DAMAGED BY PHILIPPINE TYHPOON



U. S. HOSPITAL SHIP RELIEF, DAMAGED BY TYHPOON IN THE PHILIPPINES.

### All on Board Safe at a Port in South Luzon.

(Associated Press Clipping.)

MANILA, November 25.—The hospital ship Relief is at Sorsogon, Southern Luzon, badly damaged by a typhoon. All on board are safe.

ROCHESTER, New York, November 24.—The widow of Harry Sampson, a nephew of the late Admiral Sampson, was arrested today on the charge of having murdered her husband. It was thought at first that he had committed suicide.

OAKLAND, November 24.—Two Chinese were cremated early this morning and three others, all Chinese, were severely burned in a fire which occurred in their lodgings while they were asleep.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 24.—Prosecutor Heney is slightly worse. The anesthetic given him when operated on has affected his kidneys. No dangerous consequences are apprehended.

NEW YORK, November 24.—Vice President Archbold is on the witness stand testifying in the Standard Oil case before the Federal Court.

PEKING, November 24.—Foreigners are leaving Nanking and are seeking refuge aboard gunboats.

OOLONG, November 25.—A portion of the Gatun dam has sunk sixty feet. WASHINGTON, November 25.—Secretary Root denies that a treaty has been arranged between the United States and Japan guaranteeing China's independence. No treaty of this sort is contemplated.

LONDON, November 25.—Sir Algernon Borthwick, proprietor of the Morning Post, is dead. He was seventy-eight years old.

WASHINGTON, November 25.—Speaker Cannon has issued a statement favoring an honest revision of the tariff.

TIPTONVILLE, Tennessee, November 25.—Three negroes were lynched last night.

VALETTA, Malta, November 25.—One hundred and twenty-three pilgrims, mostly Arabs, who were on board the steamer Sardinia, have perished with the burning of the vessel.

WASHINGTON, November 25.—The unveiling of the monument to General Philip Sheridan took place here today. The address of the occasion was delivered by President Roosevelt.

PEKING, November 25.—Order has been restored at Nanking where it was feared that foreigners were in danger of their lives and were taking to gunboats for refuge.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, November 25.—General Le Comte, Minister of the Interior, was today killed during a murderous demonstration by the populace at Jeremie, out of revenge for the summary executions of suspected rebels from that district.

WASHINGTON, November 26.—A sweeping order for the deportation of contract laborers has been issued by Secretary Straus. MUSKOGEE, Ok., November 26.—A meteor fell into a barn here last night, killing two horses.

LAPORTE, Ind., November 26.—The Lamphere jury has been locked up for the night.

ROME, November 26.—Anti-Austrian riots continue and troops have been called out to suppress them.

LOS ANGELES, November 26.—Welsh got the decision over Attell in the fifteenth round.

NEW YORK, November 26.—Dorando won the 26-mile Marathon race in Madison Square Garden from Hayes.

MANILA, November 26.—The hospital ship Relief has arrived here with damaged engines and otherwise disabled.

MANILA, November 26.—Fifteen hundred sailors from the battleship fleet have been permitted to land.

PARIS, Nov. 27.—The arrest of Madame Steinheil following her confession that she knew the man who murdered her husband last May, is the biggest sensation Paris has had in years. Madame Steinheil is said to have been with President Faure when he died. There is the possibility of a national scandal greater than that of Dreyfus.

VIENNA, Nov. 27.—The Bourse is demoralized by rumors of war. Four newspapers have been confiscated for circulating reports of the movements of troops.

LAPORTE, Ind., Nov. 27.—Lamphere has been found guilty of arson. He was immediately given an indeterminate sentence of from two to twenty-two years and fined \$5000.

SANDY HOOK, Nov. 27.—Yesterday the steamer Finance was sunk by the White Star steamer Georgic. Four on board were lost. WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—Samuel Donnelly has been appointed public printer.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27.—Ketchel knocked out Papke in the eleventh round.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27.—Asst. District Attorney Heney took an automobile ride in the park yesterday.

PORT AU PRINCE, Nov. 27.—Anarchy prevails in Hayti and wholesale executions are taking place.

### MACHINE GUNS FOR EVERY REGIMENT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—Each regiment of infantry and cavalry of the Army will be provided with a machine gun company, if a recommendation made by Secretary Wright and approved by the President finds favor with Congress. Each company will have six guns, which will be operated by ten men. This addition will increase the personnel of the Army by 130 or 125 additional commissioned officers and about 2500 men.

### BARK GEORGE CURTIS SOLD.

TACOMA, Nov. 10.—George Haller of the North Alaska Salmon company, San Francisco, has purchased the well known American bark George Curtis from the Matson Navigation company. The price paid for the vessel is said to have been \$20,000. She will be used in the salmon trade and is to be dispatched to the company's Bristol Bay cannery.

The Curtis is a vessel of 1680 net tons. She was built in 1884 at Waldboro, Me. She is 240 feet in length, 42 feet beam and 25 feet depth of hold. The vessel is at present at San Francisco and it was there the sale was consummated.

## Thanksgiving Day Was Fittingly Observed

Thanksgiving Day was generally observed in Honolulu yesterday, the church services in the morning being crowded, the various athletic fields being attended in the afternoon by thousands of the holiday-makers, the beach being thronged with bathers, canoers and spectators, and the evening being given over almost altogether to home gatherings. Although there was much going on, the day was a quiet one. Downtown Honolulu had almost a Sunday appearance, with closed shops and offices, and nearly deserted restaurants.

Church services were held at St. Andrew's, Kawaiaha'o, Central Union and the Roman Catholic cathedral, each of the church interiors being appropriately decorated for the service of thanks.

#### AT CENTRAL UNION.

"Let us go back seventy-five years, or even fifty years," said Rev. A. C. McKeever of the Christian church, in pointing out in his Thanksgiving sermon yesterday at the union services in Central Union church the things we of today have cause to be thankful for. "Fifty years ago and these young men you see with me on this platform would have found it necessary to go with Dr. Scudder back to his study before the service and get inspiration there for the service by drinking spirits. And then, after the hard, exhausting service, when their inspirations for divine things came from the bottle, they would have felt the necessity of going back again to that study and drinking again."

"In those days, so I have been told, you could always tell what denomination a minister represented by looking in his saddle bags. If he had a long black bottle there, he was a Roman Catholic; if it was a green bottle, he was a clergyman of the Church of England; if a big flask, he was a Presbyterian; and other bottles went with other denominations. That is what they say."

"In those days a merchant doing business went from saloon to saloon in the town in open day. Where is the merchant now who dares do that if he would succeed? I thank God that in this matter of temperance the mills of the gods have begun to grind a little faster."

Mr. McKeever was the principal speaker at the services, Central Union being well filled with the members of the various evangelical churches and visitors. The pulpit platform and the choir were decorated with greens, bananas, palms and ferns being principally used, together with sugar cane blossoms. There was special music by the choir members, beautifully rendered.

Seated on the platform and taking leading parts in the services were Rev. C. C. Wilson, Rev. John L. Hopwood, Rev. Horace W. Chamberlain, Rev. William Brewster Oleson, Rev. A. C. McKeever, Rev. Dr. Doremus Scudder and W. L. Whitney of the Attorney General's department, representing the Governor.

Mr. McKeever's sermon was a forcible presentation of the reasons which should impel the people of the United States in general and the people of the Hawaiian Islands in particular to be thankful to an All-wise Creator for the bounties of the past season. Particularly had the country awakened along religious grounds and the cause

of temperance had made great and substantial progress.

"You may say that this talk of temperance has been done to death," he said, "but I want to tell you that it will be talked to death five hundred times stronger from now on."

The order of service was:  
Organ Prelude—"Hymne Celeste"..... Grey

Doxology.....  
Invocation.....Rev. C. C. Wilson

Anthem—"Gloria in Excelsis".....  
.....Dudley Buck

Responsive Reading.....  
.....Rev. John Lloyd Hopwood

Gloria.....  
Scripture Reading.....

.....Rev. Horace W. Chamberlain

Hymn 72.....  
Prayer.....Rev. Wm. Brewster Oleson

Offertory—"Andante Cantabile".....  
.....Widor

Reading of President's Proclamation.....  
.....Wm. L. Whitney

(Representing the Governor)

Sermon.....Rev. A. C. McKeever

Hymn 469.....  
Benediction.....Rev. Doremus Scudder

Organ Postlude—"Harvest Thanksgiving March".....Calkin

The members of the choir assisting in the musical service were:

Soprano—Mrs. Crockett, Mrs. Hare, Mrs. Mott-Smith, Mrs. Wm. Whitney, Miss Hall, Miss Sheffield, Miss Byington, Miss Harbaugh and Miss Hopper.

Altos—Mrs. Weight, Miss Clark, Miss Judd, Miss Needham, Miss Macaulay, Miss McCormick, Miss Winne, Miss Newsome and Mrs. O'Day.

Tenors—Messrs. Wakeman, Baldwin, Nieper, Forbes, Porter, Hunn, C. G. Livingston and Ebersole.

Basses—Messrs. Andrews, Arnold, Fletcher, Tracy, C. E. Livingston, Warren, Rosenberg and Ewing.

Organist—Mr. A. B. Ingalls.

#### ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.

The Thanksgiving Day services at the Roman Catholic cathedral yesterday were held at 9 o'clock and were well attended. The services consisted of high mass with special music. There was no sermon.

Father Victor was the celebrant. Father Ulrich, who has returned recently from Germany, was the director of the music. The special music included in the services was sung with great effectiveness by a double quartet consisting of Father Valentin, Father Francis, Father Justin, Father John, Father Sebastian, Father Ulrich and Brother Sylvanus. The remainder of the music was sung by the mixed choir of the cathedral.

#### AT ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL.

Thanksgiving services were held at St. Andrew's Cathedral at 11 o'clock yesterday forenoon, which were participated in by the Rector of St. Clement's, and the Rector of St. Elizabeth's and the congregations of these parishes. There was a very good attendance. The hymns were all of a patriotic quality and included "America." The Anthem was Green's "Praise the Lord, O My Soul."

#### Bishop Restarick's Sermon.

The sermon was preached by Bishop Restarick. His text was a part of the first appointed lesson for the day, Deut. 8:2 and 3. "And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years \* \* \* that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live."

We often look upon Thanksgiving Day as a personal or family matter, but this is not the view intended by the customary proclamation of the President calling for its observance. It is a national day, a day when national matters should be considered.

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